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My dear Mirza,

I enclose an application for leave and request you will very kindly submit the same to His Highness and get me definite orders.

I request to be permitted to proceed on leave immediately after His Highness's return from Benares, say, about the 10th December.

His Highness, as you know, has been graciously pleased to promise a pension for me. This is the time when a definite order on the point will be most helpful. It will relieve me of apprehension for the morrow and enable me to shape my plans and steps of life according to resources for the future.

I have personally given you a general idea of my wants & as desired, I enclose a copy of the terms of retirement granted to my immediate predecessor in office.

I have all These 9 years worked without any idea of personal gain and I have no wish to seem ambitious at the end. But I have just in the longest service as Dewan after Sir K Seshadri Iyer at a time of great excitement & difficulties due to the War, and (assuming I do not return to duty) I should not like the public to get an impression that I went away discredited.

After all any troubles I may have caused were for Conscience' sake, — for what I considered to be the true interests of the State.

I need not assure His Highness that whatever His Highness may sanction, or even if he sanctions nothing at all it will not in the least alter my respect & affection for His Highness or my abiding interest in the progress & prosperity of Mysore.

I trust, whatever the decision, you will not leave any points unsettled, & I beg you will favour me with a definite reply before the 20th instant.

Yours ever Sincerely
M. Visvesvaraya